

## COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

**March 11, 2003**

**5:30 PM**

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Sysyn, Osborne, Garrity, Forest, Guinta (late)

Messrs: Jim Hoben, Lt. Richard Valenti, Tom Christy

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman O'Neil on behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee requesting a parking ban and painting of shamrocks on Elm Street for the upcoming parade.

On motion by Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to approved the request.

Chairman Sysyn put Item 4 of the agenda on hold until Alderman Guinta arrived.

Discussion of one-way streets on:

- a) Kennard Road
- b) Hollis Street
- c) Kidder Street

Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

**PARKING 15 MINUTES (7AM-10PM MON-SUN):**

ON MERRIMACK ST., NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF CHESTNUT ST. TO A POINT 50 FEET WEST ALDERMAN GUINTA

**RESCIND PARKING 15 MINUTES (9AM-6PM):**

ON MERRIMACK ST., NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF CHESTNUT STREET. TO A POINT 50 FEET WEST (ORD. 7728)

ALDERMAN GUINTA

**NO PARKING:**

ON CONANT ST., NORTH SIDE, FROM BLUCHER ST. TO A POINT 125 FEET WEST, AND THEN TO A POINT 30 FEET SOUTH

ALDERMAN THIBAUT

ON COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, EAST SIDE, FROM FRONT STREET. (SOUTH ENTRANCE) TO FRONT ST. (NORTH ENTRANCE)

ALDERMAN FOREST

ON BOUNTON COURT, EAST SIDE, FROM VALLEY ST. TO THE DEAD END ON VALLY ST., NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 150 FEET EAST OF BELMONT ST. TO A POINT OF 145 FEET EAST.

ALDERMAN OSBORNE

ON JANE ST., EAST AND WEST SIDE, FROM LOWELL ST. TO EAST HIGH ST., ON EAST HIGH ST., SOUTH SIDE FROM MAPLE ST. TO MELVERN ST., ON NASHUA STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM BRIDGE ST. TO PEARL ST.

ALDERMAN SYSYN

**RESCIND NO PARKING:**

ON CONANT ST., NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 70 FEET WEST OF BLUCHER ST. TO A POINT 55 FEET WEST AND THEN TO A POINT 30 FEET SOUTH (ORD. 7051)

ALDERMAN THIBAUT

ON COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, BOTH SIDES, FROM FRONT ST. TO A POINT 865 FEET WEST (ORD. 2896)

ALDERMAN FOREST

ON JANE ST., EAST SIDE, FROM EAST HIGH ST. TO A POINT 50 FEET SOUTH (ORD. 8137)

ALDERMAN SYSYN

**RESCIND NO PARKING (8AM-5PM M-F):**

ON TITUS AVE., SOUTH SIDE, FROM FLOYD AVE. TO A POINT 65 FEET EAST (ORD. 8510)

ALDERMAN GARRITY

**STOP SIGNS:**

ON LOWELL ST AT BELMONT ST., NEC, SWC, FOUR-WAY SCHOOL  
ZONE

ALDERMAN SYSYN

Alderman Forest said he would like to request an explanation from Jim Hoben of the two Merrimack Street items. It said from a point 50 feet west of Chestnut Street then 50 feet west from there, is that correct?

Mr. Hoben replied yes.

Alderman Forest asked if that is what this item is saying?

Mr. Hoben replied that is correct for a total of 100 feet.

Alderman Forest stated so that would be starting from the back street behind the Hillsborough County, is that where it is?

Chairman Sysyn asked if that included Sunday as its states Monday through Sunday?...

Chairman Sysyn asked if anyone else had anything they wanted to take off this part of the agenda. If not, we can make one motion to accept all of them.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to accept the Traffic Department Agenda items as presented.

Chairman Sysyn advised Tom Christy that what he requested on East High Street just passed.

Mr. Christy asked what did I get?

Chairman Sysyn stated exactly what I told you over the phone. You received Maple Street to Malvern Street, no parking south side.

Mr. Christy thanked Chairman Sysyn and said now the ambulance, fire truck and trash truck will be able to get through and would like to thank you all.

Chairman Sysyn noted that the snow was so high on East High Street from Maple to Malvern that the trash trucks couldn't get through to pick up the trash, until they removed all the snow banks.

## **TABLED ITEM**

Chairman Sysyn asked if anyone wanted to take Item 6 off the table.

Communication from Alderman Lopez recommending consideration of a two-tier fee structure for the parking garages.

(Tabled 2/11/2003 pending further information from the Traffic Director.)

Alderman Forest answered that he did not want to take it off, because we just got the information today and I want to take some time to read it.

Alderman Garrity asked when was the next meeting?

Chairman Sysyn replied that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Alderman Forest stated he would like to keep it on the table.

Alderman Garrity stated he would also like to take time to read through the information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR**

ON UNION ST. EAST SIDE, FROM BRIDGE ST. TO A POINT 130 FEET SOUTH OF PEARL ST. (ORD. 6218)

ALDERMAN SYSYN

### **RESCIND PARKING 15 MINUTE PARKING**

ON UNION ST., EAST SIDE, FROM PEARL ST. TO A POINT 130 FEET SOUTH (ORD. 6219)

ALDERMAN SYSYN

### **PARKING 15 MINUTES**

ON UNION ST. EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 130 FEET NORTH OF BRIDGE ST. TO A POINT 185 FEET NORTH OF BRIDGE ST.

ALDERMAN SYSYN

### **NO PARKING LOADING ZONE**

ON UNION ST. EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 185 FEET NORTH OF BRIDGE ST. TO PEARL ST.

ALDERMAN SYSYN

Chairman Sysyn stated she has a new item under new business on Union Street that is a loading zone for a store. There is a store there and he needs a loading zone on Union Street, north of Bridge Street.

Alderman Osborne asked if it was Alderman Guinta's area.

Chairman Sysyn stated that it's mine. The east side of Union Street is mine and that Union Street is the divider.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approved the additional Traffic Department requests.

Alderman Garrity stated that he has some new business. I brought up at the last meeting, dealing with the next year's fiscal year, which starts July 1, about possible increase again in the parking garages. I think it's something that we should be discussing now because June will be upon us very soon.

Chairman Sysyn stated we should make it effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Garrity stated that he would make a motion to increase the monthly fee by another \$4 beginning next fiscal year.

Chairman Sysyn stated we should raise it to \$65.

Alderman Garrity stated we went from \$56 to \$60.

Chairman Sysyn stated it we go up \$5 now then we can go up \$5 later and go to \$70.

Alderman Garrity stated then I will make a motion that we increase the parking garage fee from \$60 to \$65 beginning next fiscal year.

Chairman Sysyn stated effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Sysyn asked if there was a second.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked for clarification that this is only on the parking garages.

Chairman Sysyn replied yes, on Canal Street garage and Victory garage.

Alderman Garrity stated this way it is something we can work into next year's budget as we are going to need some revenues.

Alderman Osborne stated we should wait for Alderman Guinta.

Alderman Forest stated that is going to be opposed to it, so we might as well wait for him.

Alderman Garrity stated that he had already talked to Alderman Guinta.

Chairman Sysyn stated that he will probably vote against it.

Alderman Forest stated we may have a 50/50 tie vote.

Chairman Sysyn stated she would break the tie and asked Alderman Osborne how he felt about it.

Alderman Osborne stated it is a tough situation with Alderman Lopez wanted to charge the outlining towns something like \$75 and then the people in Manchester pay the \$60 or \$65, whatever you are going to put it to, you still have the residents of Manchester, taxpayers of Manchester subsidizing these people here in Manchester too, and they don't even use the garages. So I think the fairest way to do this is if you go to \$75 for one then you go to \$75 for the whole thing and get it over with.

Chairman Sysyn said that is right, that's what's going to happen eventually.

Alderman Osborne said I don't think it's right, to do \$2 here and \$5 here. They are going to be yelling more at that than anything, than if you just get it over with and this is what it costs to run those garages, \$74. I think its time to just do it and get it over with or sell it. We are not in business to pay taxes, we are in business to collect taxes. You know what I'm saying. So why should these other people in Manchester subsidize for the people in Manchester when they don't even use them. It's just not fair they are equal. There is nothing fair about it, but I guess if we own the garages we are going to have to charge what we got to charge and someone else needs to do what they need to do. It's just that we're the City so we get more static out of it.

Alderman Guinta asked if this was an agenda item.

Chairman Sysyn stated that this was under new business as we were waiting for you to address the other item on the agenda.

Alderman Guinta stated I appreciate it very much and apologize for being late. I am not necessarily opposed to making a reasonable, setting a reasonable parking fee. What I am opposed to at this point is raising the fee without looking at alternative marketing sources. And I think I've been pretty clear about that. I think we need to get additional options a try before we just automatically raise it. There seems to be some pressure coming from *The Union Leader*, they are all over this issue and, I am not looking to subsidize anybody. I don't think subsidy at this point is required.

Chairman Sysyn stated but *The Union Leader's* comment was to charge the Bedford people, the outlying people, and I don't think that's right.

Alderman Guinta said that is not practical.

Chairman Sysyn said no it isn't. You want people to come in here and do business; you're going to charge them more than you charge me to park.

Alderman Forest stated we have storeowners downtown that live in Bedford and that just isn't going to do it.

Chairman Guinta asked when did we raise the fee?

Chairman Sysyn answered, from \$56 to \$60 was January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Guinta stated so we went from \$56 to \$60 January 1<sup>st</sup>, and this would be \$60 to \$65 effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Sysyn stated not unless you want to go to \$75 on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Osborne asked what is it now to breakeven.

Chairman Sysyn answered \$74 would be breakeven.

Alderman Guinta stated then that's assuming we keep the same management fee, or the same management company and we don't have any alternative or we don't have an increase in usage. I mean, my argument is that if the...

Chairman Sysyn said we are going to get more people using the garages because you have more tenants coming into where I work, which would bring in... The problem with not getting all of the money too, is PSNH moved out and they took six floors of people with them. So that was a lot of people that used to park in the Canal Street garage.

Alderman Guinta stated again if we have the Civic Center, I mean we need to have, I feel, some sort of marketing plan that includes targeting people who go to the Civic Center.

Chairman Sysyn said for some reason or another they'll go to the Victory garage, but where I work, very few go there. You have got to do something about the post office where I am too, because I validate and all of the businesses validate their parking tickets. But somebody coming in that's even going to the post office they charge them, because the post office doesn't validate. So we have to find a way....

Alderman Garrity noted I think if you look at some different marketing tools and things, I still don't think that gets us up to the \$74. I don't think it gets us up to the breakeven point. If we went up to \$65 - \$68, and did some other creative things, maybe. But I think what's important is the fiscal year is starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor is formulating his budget, and we're going to have to decide on a budget by the second week in June. I think if we look at the increase in revenues from \$60 to \$65 we can use it as our numbers.

Alderman Guinta stated that's a good point, however, I don't know what the budget proposal is going to be. I suspect that it's going to be close to 10%. Plus or minus a percentage. If we have that proposal, in addition an extra \$5 in the parking fee...

Chairman Sysyn stated but that's saves the taxpayer.

Alderman Guinta stated if you can show me that there's a reduction in the proposed budget, then I would much more likely to prefer a fee based increase, which is what this is. But if I can't see a savings in the budget, and I said we went through this with the bag and tag. The Mayor was proposing bag and tag, but you didn't see the savings on the budget side. It was essentially hitting the taxpayer twice for a service, and I am afraid or even concerned that we are going to have a budget proposal, let's just use the number 10%, and in addition to that, a fee hike. So I don't know if that's, if we're...

Chairman Sysyn said but the fee hike is only on those who use it.

Alderman Guinta stated it's a user fee but some of those users are also going to have to pay an increase in the tax hike, and we're still not utilizing the other option of trying to put a marketing plan in place. I'm happy to work with Danny O'Neil and some of the other advocates of keeping the parking management the same. I am happy to work with some of those people to try to reach some alternative revenues. Or some new revenues, or increase revenues, rather than hit this increase. This is going to be the second increase in six months.

Chairman Sysyn stated several years ago parking in the garages was \$45 and we went to \$55. We went from \$56 this time to \$60.

Alderman Forest stated the reason I am opposed to this is, again you just raised it the \$4. A lot of the business people downtown, they pay for their employees. So, if you raise it \$4 and you've got a business downtown that's paying for 20 employees, you're talking more than a \$4 raise for these people.

Chairman Sysyn said there's a fellow that works at the Victory garage that I know and he said most of the business people downtown don't mind. They wouldn't mind if we went to \$75.



Alderman Guinta said that's not what I'm hearing.

Alderman Forest said that's not what I hear either.

Chairman Sysyn asked where did you hear it?

Alderman Guinta said that I have talked to a lot of business owners on a daily basis downtown, and the last time this increase came up I don't know that the chamber took a position on it but if you talk to, I'm not speaking for the chamber, but chamber members, individual chamber members, including some board members, were very opposed to this. I don't think that the chamber took a position, but if you talk to people as business owners and not chamber members, there were a number of them. And I'm not just talking Brian Fortin. I'm not talking one person. I'm talking several. In theory, increasing fees makes sense because you're hitting the person that's using the service, but when you look at the budget proposal. I would prefer for example if this came up under new business under a board meeting, if you could tie a reduction in the budget to this fee increase, and then I would be more likely to support it. My concern again is if it comes out of this committee with a positive vote, or if it's supported in this committee, I don't know if the Mayor's going to take X amount of money out of the budget. And secondly I'd like to find alternative ways to create efficiencies in the budget. We've got a budget that's being presented from somebody who's spending. Who's not looking for cost savings. Ten or 12 percent increase proposal last year, it is going to be probably close to the same this year. We are just raising here, we're not looking for a...

Alderman Forest stated getting back to what the Chairman said earlier about PSNH moving out, the Canal Street garage took a big knock on that. Victory garage is taking a knock on what they're getting and their cost because the City is subsidizing City employees there.

Chairman Sysyn replied that most are at Canal Street.

Alderman Forest stated that there are some at the Canal Street garage and some at the Victory garage. I know the businessmen downtown, and that's the complaint that I get. Granted I was there before trying to find a place to park downtown. I was there for 23 ½ years and I never found a place near police station. So the subsidy for City employees is fine, I have no problem with that. But I do have a problem with raising the rates again so soon. And that's why I would be opposed to it.

Alderman Guinta stated I would be more likely...

Chairman Sysyn asked how about amending the motion to read that we would like to raise it to the \$65 subject to approval by the full board.

Alderman Guinta said that's no different than sending it from this committee.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated we don't have a second on the motion.

Chairman Sysyn asked for a second on the motion.

Alderman Osborne said I feel we should keep it the way it is or we do what we are supposed to do and....

Chairman Sysyn stated you don't want it to go to \$65.

Alderman Guinta stated whatever the breakeven point is.

Alderman Osborne stated let me ask you a couple of questions. How many did you lose when you went up \$10.

Chairman Sysyn answered we didn't.

Alderman Osborne stated so at \$56 what we had for quite a while, they weren't flooding the garages because it was \$56 either, so how can you get a promotion in a garage when you're charging \$56 and couldn't get anybody in there, how are we going to do that.

Chairman Sysyn stated that Canal Street garage was much fuller when PSNH was there.

Alderman Osborne said I still think we should be collecting taxes and not paying them. I'd like to sell it myself. Get rid of those two, keep Victory. That's the best deal for us.

Chairman Sysyn stated you could sell Canal if you could...because I think Canal was originally intended for the plaza.

Alderman Forest stated that's what started all of this going.

Alderman Osborne stated you hear in the paper every five minutes with a \$5.00. These people are getting charged. They get all worked up. You hit them once; it's all over. You give them \$5 here, \$5 here, \$5 here, you're going to drive them crazy.

Alderman Forest stated I agree with Alderman Osborne to revisit the sale of the garages and instead of going as high as we did with this maximum appraisal, let's sell them for what they really worth. Then maybe somebody will buy them.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think they are going to come in with another proposal.

Alderman Forest stated lets get tax money out of the property instead of expenses.

Alderman Guinta stated but the theory was to spur economic development and business and the previous Mayor, as you know, had a lot of problems in terms of this economy. Things were sputtering 10-12 years ago. So I think that was part of the process. So I agree that at some point you do have to bring it back up when the economy is better, and when the market will bear an increased fee. My objection is again, I don't think we're being as efficient as we possibly can, in terms of management, or marketing, and third I would like to see a reduction in the proposed budget before we start increasing this user fee, which is really no different then what the objection was to the Mayor's proposal regarding bag and tag. It was essentially a secondary tax, or at least it was viewed by a majority of the Alderman. I'm not opposed to what you're thinking here, I just would like to see a return from the interest.

Chairman Sysyn asked if it should be tabled for now.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated there's not a second on the motion.

Chairman Sysyn asked for a vote on the motion by Alderman Garrity to raise the parking garage fees from \$60 to \$65 effective July 1, 2003. The motion was duly seconded by Chairman Sysyn. Aldermen Sysyn and Garrity voted in favor, Aldermen Guinta, Osborne and Forest voted in opposition. The motion failed.

Chairman Sysyn asked now you want a motion to table.

Alderman Guinta asked does it go to the full board with any recommendation.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied that it wouldn't.

Alderman Guinta stated he is happy to work with you and try...

Alderman Garrity stated he can understand your point. Basically your fear is that it's just going to be put into the Mayor's budget and we are not going to realize the reduction in taxes.

Alderman Guinta answered yes, but in addition to that, we've got a state wide property re-evaluation that was mandated by the legislature last year and that starts in Manchester in I believe in 2004. That's something that...I'm trying to look at all of these, if values have gone up again, the businesses are going to get hit. Now you're talking, all these hits in addition to last year's tax increase and this expected tax increase, which the Mayor has said, expect a pretty big tax increase.

Chairman Sysyn asked 10 percent.

Alderman Guinta stated I don't think he said...I'm saying 10%. I don't think he has said 10%, but he has braced us at that meeting at PSNH for a pretty heavy hit. I want to tread lightly or cautiously here before we... There's only so much the community can take before... Right now I'm paying \$350.00 a month more in my mortgages, simply because of the tax increase, because I've got to pay my escrow accounts. I'm feeling that. That's based on two properties. I'm cash neutral now; it's not a cash positive

Chairman Sysyn asked for how many properties?

Alderman Guinta stated so if I'm feeling it, I've heard from other constituents, they're feeling it, and that's just based on one year. And we've got another re-evaluation and we've got another hit coming in the proposal, so my concern is we should be very cautious about some of these increases until we can at least tie it to a reduction somewhere else.

Chairman Sysyn asked so you're waiting for him to present his budget.

Alderman Guinta stated I can't wait for him to present his proposal, his budget proposal. I wish he would do it now so we'd have more time to work on it.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Discussion of one-way streets on:

a) Kennard Road

Chairman Sysyn asked if anyone knew if Ted Gatsas was okay with this?

Alderman Forest stated I think he was just okay with the no parking, but I don't think he was okay with the one-way street.

Mr. Hoben stated that no, not on the one-way street, but just the parking.

Alderman Guinta replied no, I just think it was the parking.

On a motion by Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to receive and file Kennard Road.

Chairman Sysyn addressed the other Item 4 agenda items:

b) Hollis Street

c) Kidder Street

Alderman Guinta stated I am in favor of the residents over there... I want to let everyone know I live over there. But what the residents have brought to me based on the ??? project that is a number of concerns, including safety concerns, and I can't think of anybody, any resident, and there's forty units just in that one area. I don't think anyone has voiced opposition to this. Essentially they want one one-way and one the other.

Chairman Sysyn stated it used to be that one of them was. Was it Kidder?

Alderman Forest stated Kidder used to be a one-way and Hollis was never a one-way.

Alderman Guinta stated Kidder won't be all the way though, because ADP is there and they're still the access. You need the access to the bridge. So that wouldn't be one-way all the way through to Canal and what Tom Lolicata was talking about is making it one-way just to where ADP is.

Alderman Forest said he's not sure where ADP is. That is something new to me.

Chairman Sysyn said that is Ted's building.

Alderman Guinta said Kidder would be one-way west from Elm to, going towards Canal.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked from Elm to Canal.

Alderman Guinta stated it wouldn't go down all the way it would have to stop.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked do you know what that street would be.

Alderman Guinta stated it doesn't have a name to it.

Alderman Guinta said Kidder would be one-way west from Elm to, going towards Canal.

Mr. Hoben stated there is a ramp around the bridge. It was one-way eastbound. Ted Gatsas about 10 years ago gave us \$3,000 to change it to a two-way street to go westbound. You notice that pole is different from the other one. To make it a two-way you'd have to put a signal up for that direction. It was Ted that kicked in; it was either \$3,000 or \$3,500, because he wanted to be able to go from Elm St. down to his business. So I'm not sure where he is at on this.

Alderman Guinta stated I can tell you where he is on it.

Alderman Forest said he would think he would be opposed to it.

Alderman Guinta said I think he is opposed to it.

Alderman Forest stated I know when I moved to Arizona, I think that's more than ten years ago, it was just a one-way and when I came back a year later, it was two-way and that surprised the hell out of me.

Alderman Guinta said he'll voice his objection, then concerns at the full board meeting, which he's entirely allowed to do, but I mean he's the owner of the building and that's it. He doesn't live over there. He's not going to be affected by the new project. All the residents are affected by and this is what they want. And it also provides additional parking, which we talked to Tom Lolicata about and you can put diagonal parking. We have a parking problem now. I have residents who complain because each unit gets one spot, unless you have a garage. Then that's a second spot. Most people have one car in front of their unit, and a second car on either Hollis or Kidder. The streets fill up pretty quickly. You've got the Grace Sullivan building, you've got Keyspan, now you've got the college, so this is not only going to help the residents, but it's also going to help the employees and actually ADP. They actually park in part of a...there's a dirt lot behind ADP, because there's not enough parking in ADP. When that building starts to take shape, some ADP people aren't going to have places to park.

Alderman Garrity asked if we were to do resident parking only on Kidder and Hollis, would that help?

Alderman Guinta answered that could potentially alleviate a parking problem, however, you've got the businesses over there, and I don't know... Then they have no where to park. And it's zoned residential and commercial so, I don't know if it's really fair to zone it one or the other, because then you're leaving out the other type of persons parking.

Alderman Forest stated I'm not familiar with the traffic matter on Hollis. I see the one on Kidder, pretty much on a daily basis. And a lot of the problems with what I see is Elm Street. when one car is stopped to make a left turn going north to go down, and some of the cars coming off Canal Street. But the Elm Street. traffic would be the cars making a left turn stopped there early in the morning and at night during commuter traffic. I think that will alleviate some of Elm Street.'s traffic.

Alderman Guinta said this is also in anticipation of the project. The designers of that project have also concurred essentially that this will help resolve it.

Chairman Sysyn asked did they?

Alderman Guinta replied I don't know if they're on formal record in front of this committee, but during the process of at least when I met with them and when the owners

of Amoskeag Place met with them, that this is doable. And Tom Lolicata has also agreed.

Alderman Forest asked can we just table Hollis St.

Chairman Sysyn asked how would Hollis St. be done, would it come up east?

Alderman Guinta stated that Hollis St. would go from west to east to Canal. You can't do one and not the other. One will go one way and the other would go...one would go west, one would go east.

Mr. Hoben stated for him that Tom was negative on both of them, from what I understood.

Alderman Forest stated Tom had made a comment, I'm not sure if it was the last meeting or the meeting before, that the highway/traffic worked hard getting this traffic pattern done and that's why he was opposed to it. But I'm not sure...

Alderman Guinta stated at the last meeting I talked to him, he was not opposed at all.

Mr. Hoben stated when you look at Hollis, have you spoke to the Dunns or FW Webber?

Alderman Guinta stated no, I'm not going to talk to them because they cut through. They go through our private property and use those one-ways as cut-throughs. It's also a safety issue to the residents in Amoskeag. One of my neighbors was hit by a car. I don't want to get into name-calling. Dunn doesn't do it, but Dunn is so far down... They're on the corner of Hollis, Canal and then Dow Street. They have access through either Hollis or Dow Street, which, I think Dow Street is a one-way. No it's a two-way.

Chairman Sysyn stated then Hollis going up would be good for them.

Alderman Guinta, stated I haven't talked to them, I haven't talked to Webber, because there have been a lot of complaints in the past from residents in Amoskeag that their plowing trucks cut through our alleys and one woman was hit. It's been an ongoing complaint.

Mr. Hoben replied that both these companies have enough on-site parking.

Alderman Guinta stated the other company is a party rental company that... I've never seen more than three cars there, maybe one small convenience sized truck.

Alderman Osborne asked where does Bridge and Elm stand down there.

Chairman Sysyn and Alderman Guinta answered it's just been delayed.

Chairman Sysyn said they said they're waiting for financing.

On a motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to approve the request one-ways for Hollis Street and Kidder Street.

Chairman Sysyn asked how do you make them one-way. Do you go through the State to do that.

Alderman Forest answered no, just the City. Traffic will do it; we just did the process.

Alderman Osborne asked why did Tom Lolicata have a problem with that?

Mr. Hoben answered one because Alderman Gatsas had put the money into the area.

Alderman Guinta asked how long ago was that.

Mr. Hoben answered no more than ten.

Alderman Forest stated I think it's more than ten, but I'm not 100% sure.

Alderman Guinta said ten years, \$3,000 to \$3,500

Alderman Forest stated I think it was more like 15 years but I can't be more than 100% sure, because when I went to Arizona in 1988 it was a one-way and when I came back in winter of 1989 it was a two-way.

Alderman Gunita asked how come the City gets involved with something like that?

Mr. Hoben answered that he proposed it.

Alderman Guinta stated he was the owner of the company at the time, in addition to the building. Now he just owns the building.

Mr. Hoben stated he wrote a letter to the traffic committee requesting that the one-way; that he said he'd make a contribution and then they came to us to see how much it was going to cost to put up a signal.

Alderman Guinta stated the signal has to be there because you would actually...

Chairman Sysyn stated you'll be able to get to Teddy's property from Canal Street.



Alderman Guinta stated it's not going to be one-way all the way it's going to be one-way up to that building. You've got Canal here and here's the traffic light and this is Kidder, his building is right here and the bridge is here. You'd be able to take a right up this one, you'd still be able to take a right into this parking lot, the one-way is going to go to here. You can go all the way down and you can come up to here.

Chairman Sysyn asked won't that be confusing for people?.

Alderman Guinta answered no because the idea was to put some landscaping in here.

There being no further business to come before the Committee on Traffic, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee